Canine Carnival puts pooches in limelight

Hundreds of pooches and their human companions descended on Ocean Beach over the weekend for the annual Canine Carnival and Halloween festival. Right, a carnavigoor shows off her “hot dog.” Above, dressed as The Flintstones, Alisha McGraw holds Deaf Coco and Holland McGraw holds Deaf Rocket. Below, Brody shows off her king. Piddles the poodle, as they get ready for the costume parade.

Mission Bay’s revenue pie is on the table

By SHANNON MULHALL| The Beacon

How much of the revenue generated by Mission Bay Park should stay in the park and how much should go to the city? San Diegans will decide on Nov. 4 when they cast their vote on Proposition C.

Proponents say the measure is necessary to complete the popular recreational area and uphold the blueprint for park development that City Council and the California Coastal Commission approved in 1994. Currently, approximately 90 cents of every dollar generated by SeaWorld and other Mission Bay leaseholders goes to the city. If the proposed 30-year charter amendment passes, starting in July, $23 million of the roughly $28 million in lease revenue would continue to go to the city’s general fund. The remaining revenue—an estimated $5 million to $12 million annually—would go toward completing bicycle and pedestrian trails, expanding wetlands, shoreline maintenance and other projects in the 4,235-acre park.

An additional 25 percent of funds would go to Balboa and other regional parks, which could net $2 million to $4 million every year. After five years, the city’s cut of Mission Bay Park’s lease revenue would decrease from $23 million to $20 million.

The reallocation of revenues is necessary to improve and maintain Mission Bay Park, Faulconer said. “The park has been neglect ed for too long. We must change that. It’s too important to citizens.”

Fired up about Homecoming

Alumni of Point Loma High School (PLHS) play the school fight song on kazoos during the Homecoming halftime festivities Friday night. PLHS pumped up University City High School on the Pointers’ home turf 49-14.

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As Election Day nears, the debate over Proposition D — the measure to ban alcohol from the city’s beaches — has heated up, with both sides trading accusations of sign stealing, improper finance reporting and misleading statements.

With the temporary ban set to expire in January, two groups have drawn a line in the beach’s sand and are passionately working to convince voters to join their side of the debate.

From their names, the groups seem almost indistinguishable. The San Diego Safe Beaches Coalition opposes the beach ban, while Safe Beaches San Diego wants the beaches to remain alcohol free.

Scott Chipman, spokesperson for Safe Beaches San Diego, said the similar-sounding names are an attempt to confuse the voters. “We’ve disappointed them (San Diego Safe Beaches Coalition) and stopped to that tactic to confuse the voters, but we’re not surprised,” Chipman said.

The Safe Beaches San Diego website argues the pro-ban position. It says, in short, that alcohol at the beach encourages binge drinking, which creates a safety hazard and a lot of trash on major holidays.

Stop the binge drinking and you stop the problems, Chipman said.

Trip the voters, but we’re not surprised.

But opponents say it’s not so simple. Jacob Pyle, spokesperson for the No On Prop D campaign, said the city should enforce current laws against public intoxication and not impose more restrictive legislation.

“We picked that name (San Diego Safe Beach Coalition) because that is what we want. We think PB is a great community but we always think there’s improvements that you can make to make it a better community,” he said.

“What we want are solutions that address the real problems and don’t punish people.”

Beach alcohol ban stirs emotionally volatile mix

By SEBASTIAN RUIZ| The Beacon

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The city attorney’s role

Besides their divisions down political party lines, Democrat, and Goldsmith, a Republican, there is no question about the responsibility of the city attorney in vastly different ways.

“The city attorney’s role as serving the broad interests of the public. It’s a public office, and it’s supposed to serve the public interest. And that means everybody,” Aguirre said.

Aguirre often sued without taking into consideration “less costly and more effective” alternatives, according to Goldsmith. “Often, [lawsuits and trials don’t] solve the problem, and I’ve seen thousands and thousands of lawsuits as a judge in the last ten years where I thought their clients could have been better served had they just pushed this other button before they decided to follow a lawsuit.”

City attorney’s role in suits

The city attorney doesn’t need permission to proceed with a critical case on behalf of the city, but in certain cases that may require litigation or a settlement agreement, such as a breach of contract or conflict of interest case, cooperation between the city council and the city attorney can save the city money, according to Goldsmith. “We need to have a very effective program to provide the people of San Diego a secure water supply — that’s a charter obligation. And that means we recycle. Whether we recycle ocean water or recycle wastewater, conserve water [to] increase our storage capacity, all those things are things that we’re going to have to do and we’re re-elected to do that and I’ve been enacting that,” Aguirre said.

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According to statements from his office, Aguirre helped provide documents of conflict of interest attributed to Graham, and he advised the organizations to “take new official action” to correct the problem.

But while Aguirre advised CCDC to take action toward the recent fallout from the $409 million mixed-use condominium development at Seventh and Market streets Downtown, and condemn corruption at every turn, Goldsmith said Aguirre should’ve been aggressive and stepped in.

“The lawyer should have been involved before anything happened to give the city the better control,” Goldsmith said.

And while he doesn’t blame Aguirre for what happened, he said appointing a receiver to take control of SDCC would have stopped any more money from being siphoned to employees in the form of bonuses.

Forming public policy

Aguirre’s open involvement in public policy issues has landed him in the spotlight and in the shadow of criticism. Through his role as city attorney, he’s tried to get the city to repair infrastructure, often in the shadow of criticism. Through his role in the spotlight and in the backroom, he’s tried to get the city to spend money on creative solutions, come up with creative ways to implement those solutions, and make sure that the people are held accountable.

One of the key differences between the two revolves around access to information. Aguirre wants to increase information about city council meetings, while Goldsmith would clam up about city council meetings, while Aguirre would openly publicize criminal investigations.

That’s why The Wall Street Journal weighed in on this and said what I’m doing should be a model for the nation in trying to set aside the $800 million of illegal [pension] benefits, which my opponent has given up on so he can get the support of the powerful unions who have so much to say about the election,” Aguirre said.

While Aguirre cites what is wrong with the city as a whole, Goldsmith sees Aguirre as part of those same problems.

“The biggest problem facing the city is its fiscal problems. There’s no question about it,” Goldsmith said.

“This is a multi-billion-dollar municipal corporation that does not have a lawyer that views the city as its client and doesn’t give advice,” Goldsmith said.

“[City officials] are prone to making some very big mistakes that will be our MO. We will not go berate people and yell at people and call people names, but we will be effective, and the people who we are targeting will find out that we mean business,” Goldsmith said.

So as not to jeopardize legal action, Goldsmith said he would not publicly publicize criminal investigations that Aguirre does. He added that it’s a waste of tax dollars to open investigations publicly and spend time and money on lawsuits only to have them dismissed.

“He’s called investigations on half of San Diego,” Goldsmith said of Aguirre.

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Pyle said he was also part of Freepb.org. This precursor to the internet domain-name search only turned up one site, and a cloned site was created to confuse the “Yes on D” side claiming the “No On Prop D” campaign signs from areas in Pacific Beach were faked.

Wilding was part of the Neighborhood Code Compliance Department, said the signs were in the public right-of-way of a nudist park near a tree on Thomas Avenue. The signs were turned over to authorities after the police were contacted, according to reports.

Wilding said city law doesn’t allow signs in the public right-of-way, including political signs, regardless of free speech issues.

"You can’t project freedom of speech out of bounds," he said. "Walk the line. Don’t step over it. Don’t go out of bounds.”

He added, “It’s terrorism when he has been removing any signs he’s found on public property and wasn’t targeting “No On D” campaign signs. Though some police officers, lifeguards and fire officials have endorsed the ban, Mayor Jerry Sanders is backing either side.

The "No On Prop D" campaign’s website has an audio file of the mayor endorsing a partial ban on holidays but hasn’t supported either side.

He (Sanders) has not endorsed either side," said Darren Pudgel, director of communications for the mayor’s office. “The mayor will leave it up to the people to decide this issue," he said.

Any Prop D election material claiming the mayor’s endorsement is false, he said.

Opinions on the topic of a permanent alcohol ban on San Diego’s beaches are sharply divided. Supporters of Proposition D say the temporary ban now in effect has led to a decrease in the number of drunks and homeless in such areas as the Ocean Beach Pier and to less trash on the beach. Opponents of the measure say it interferes with personal freedom and bad beach businesses and tourism.

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City reopens Soledad Mountain Road on landslide anniversary

Dr. Alyssa Ramos, The Beacon

City officials marked the one-year anniversary of the Soledad Mountain landslide on Thursday, Oct. 16, by reopening Soledad Mountain Road, allowing access between Pacific Beach and La Jolla.

When Soledad Mountain Road collapsed at Desert View Drive on Oct. 3, 2007, some residents were forced to evacuate, learning that their homes had a history of landslides dating back to 1961.

Building on a partnership with Helenschmidt Geotechnical Inc., worked on the closed road for months, helping to create a solution with colleagues and other city crews.

“The road is now open,” Adams said. “They opened it Wednesday or Thursday last week. The mayor was there. But it’s not quite fully complete.”

Though traffic can now travel through Soledad Mountain Road, Adams says work still needs to be completed on Desert View Drive, the alley below Soledad Mountain Road.

Adams was investigating the area with other colleagues last October for the City of San Diego after homeowners had noticed distress in nearby roads and called the city, when the land collapsed, damaging about 45 homes. Eventually the city razed three homes.

The hillsides behind these houses had been slipping into the alley for several years but the homeowners didn’t realize the severity of the situation,” said former Chief Bruce Cartelli of the San Diego Fire Rescue Department last October.

At about 9 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2007, Engine 87 from the San Diego Fire Department battalion chiefs and commanders were already on their way to the scene, they said they were concerned about Soledad Mountain Road and wanted to create a contingency plan, Cartelli said.

After the dust settled, homeowners battled with the city over who was responsible for property loss. Attorneys continue litigation against the city. Meanwhile, city crews and specialists planned reconstruction of the landslide.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

Prop C: Saving Mission Bay, fiscal accountability

By City Councilman Kevin Faulconer

Proposition C — saving Mission Bay Park — is about the preservation of one of the most well-known and cherished landmarks in San Diego, and it’s about continuing needed reform in San Diego. It’s about truth in budgeting; it’s about ending the procrastination of fixing this park to maintain its safety and preserve its wildlife, and it’s about being open with the taxpayers.

Prop C is consistent with the intention of the revenues from the commercial leases at Mission Bay Park. Since the creation of the park, there has been a call from reformers that Mission Bay be a self-sustaining park. Even in 1955, there were discussions over commercial leases in Mission Bay Park and the president of the San Diego Chamber of Commerce argued that the park had to be self-sustaining and not become a burden to taxpayers.

The city has failed to use the revenues generated by the commercial leases as a reliable funding source to protect the park and taxpayers. We have heard about the imminent crisis in Mission Bay Park from advocates of the park and I know about the decisions of past councils that continually took money from Mission Bay Park to pay for non-emergency projects. Prop C will ensure that the revenue that was originally intended to keep the park safe and make the park self-sufficient is used for the park.

I would like to respond to the recent letter by Bill Bradshaw from Pacific Beach (“Stands by his alcohol ban guest commentary.” Sept. 18). Beaner, page 6, and his other articles supporting Proposition D, the permanent and total ban of alcohol in San Diego parks and beaches. All arguments for and against the ban aside, there is one truth that no one can deny: the ban has had enormous effects on Ocean Beach.

Anyone who tells you that the ban has not kept tourists and San Diegans off Ocean Beach this summer is being unreasonable or intentionally misleading. Anyone can compare summer weekends of any of the last several years, when you had to go early to get a good spot for your beach barbecue, to this past summer, when the beach was desolate all weekend long.

Then the City Council passed a 2002 ordinance that would have kept 25 percent of the Mission Bay Park lease revenues over $20 million in Mission Bay Park. Yet again, it waived off the need for a budget plan update that would have identified major repairs to improve the park and I know about the imminent crisis in Mission Bay Park.

Let’s also put aside claims of “scathing 2000 Grand Jury report revealed that the city had allocated $3 million out of the $171 million recommended for improvements. The report indicated that to complete the required work would take 20 years but only if lease revenues generated in stayed in the city.” Did this reality exist in 1994?

Then, six years later, a scathing 2000 Grand Jury report revealed that the city had allocated $3 million out of the $171 million recommended for improvements. The report indicated that to complete the required work would take 20 years but only if lease revenues generated in stayed in the city. Did this reality exist in 1994?

I have worked alongside environmental advocates, businesses and community leaders for years against the decisions of past councils that continually took money from Mission Bay Park to pay for non-emergency projects. Prop C will ensure that the revenue that was originally intended to keep the park safe and make the park self-sufficient is used for the park. It will stop the temptation of future councils to use park revenue for pet projects or other non-emergency programs.

This is also why Prop C is supported by Mayor Jerry Sanders. Mayor Sanders has been singularly focused on reforming City Hall and creating a fiscally responsible and accountable government, and I support his efforts on these goals as chair of the city’s Audit Committee and as vice chair of the Budget Committee. Prop C will end the shaming of dollars that fund park repairs and install openness, accountability, and fiscal responsibility.

Some say the council already has the authority to keep the revenues at Mission Bay Park. They ask, why tie the hands of the council?

Well, let’s look at the history of the city. Nearly 15 years ago, the 1994 Mission Bay master plan update identified major improvement projects totaling $171 million. Did the city then resist temptation and fund those improvements? No, this did not happen.

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In fact, let’s put all the corrolary arguments aside and get to the core of the issue: Proposition D is a fight for Ocean Beach’s, and San Diego’s, soul. If you enjoyed the beach culture of OB before the ban ended, if the sight of the empty beach depresses you, vote no. If you believe that you and your friends should be able to peacefully and responsibly enjoy OB just as you have for years without incident, vote no.

If, however, you have lived by the beach in San Diego for years but also inexplicably hated it because of beach alcohol, vote yes. If you are happy that you don’t have to share “your” beach community with other San Diegans and the rest of the world except for the homeless, I’m afraid they are here to stay, vote yes. If you want Ocean Beach to be like “virtually every major beach city in Southern California,” as proponents are quick to point out, then vote yes.

Your yes vote can help put an end to what I love about Ocean Beach and turn it into everywhere else.

Make sure you also stop in and support the Starbucks on the corner of Newport and Bacon before you head to the polls.

Henry Carson
Ocean Beach

Alcohol ban issue not be taken lightly

By Henry Carson

I can’t speak for Pacific Beach, but in OB we’ve had families of all kinds at the beach before the ban. We never had those crazy binge parties with two-story beer kedges shown in shocking videos to begin with. Now, we have neighbors and everyone else, have our peaceable barbecues in our backyards. I agree with ban supporters that I don’t see many drunken home- less people on Ocean Beach any- more. Now, I pass them on the way to the beach. They are still there, breaking existing laws about public drunkenness and open container laws and where and when not permitted, just like before the ban. The only difference is that they, too, are going about their normal business as a block inland.

I think we should put aside any disputed statistics: ban opponents claim that drunk driving incidents are now up (true) and ban proponents claim that every crime near the beach before the ban was alcohol-related and will now be solved. As we can see, reality is that causality for statistics is difficult to prove. Of course, he can’t have it both ways. You can’t dispute drunk driving statistics while simultaneously insisting that a brutal attack on an Australian tourist near the Ocean Beach Pier would have been prevented by the ban, as Mr. Bradshaw did on voiceof- sandiego.org. Of course, the inci- dent occurred many hours after the 8 p.m. alcohol curfew, and the perpetrators obviously would not respect any law that Mr. Bradshaw would see passed.

Let’s also put aside claims of where each side is getting financial support. Opponents of the ban have requested the support of the mythical “big alcohol” lobby but, in fact, have received $0 to date. Where the ban supporters get the money for all their glossy yard signs is anyone’s guess.

Although the negative economic impacts of the ban to Ocean Beach businesses appear dramatic to all of us, it’s true that we can’t sepa- rate those effects from the concur- rent economic downturn. So let’s just agree to disagree on that.

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Henry Carson
Booze ban may not be such a bad thing

From what I have been reading the recent ban on alcohol sales at the beaches was not the result of fewer drunken drivers on the road. As a result they want to feel sorry for them and repeal the beach alcohol ban so they can sell more booze and enable more drunken drivers on the road.

Margarita Solis
Ocean Beach

Ban has not made local beaches any safer

Re: guest commentary “Booze had doing its job,” Aug. 21 Bea-
con, page 6.

The author of this letter draws many correlations to the beaches being safer with less traffic and more cost-effective for the city to manage (in trash collection and police costs).

And each of those statements is unsubstantiated and false.

First, the beach communities are not more than a 10 minute drive from the comparisons on Arpis (www.arjis.org). In fact, there has been a drastic increase in sexual assault in the beach area since the ban.

Second, there is not less trash. I walk my dog on the boardwalk every morning and every evening and some of them will inform you that the budget has not changed nor has allocation of resources changed. The same number of police are on the beach area, but what has changed is that they are now on the sand making sure everyone knows they are there. Just like the other areas to keep our streets RV-free is not for private recreational vehicle owners who play the game of using the streets as their parking lot.

Last but not least, the city spends the exact same amount on beach enforcement now as it did a year ago. Please, contact the chief or deputy chief of police and ask them if they will inform you that the budget has not changed and nor has allocation of resources changed.

So then what? If every one of the millions of beachgoers pays a quarter when they went to the beach, the proof up could still run. All San Diego residents contributed 15 cents, testing could continue and the water quality could be designated as safe or local officials allowing us to know that risks we were taking by going for a swim or a surf in our oceans. As a result they want to feel sorry for them and repeal the beach alcohol ban so they can sell more booze and enable more drunken drivers on the road.

Where do we turn now? San Diego County doesn’t seem to want to make it a priority now either. So what then? If every one of the millions of beachgoers pays a quarter when they went to the beach, the proof up could still run. All San Diego residents contributed 15 cents, testing could continue and the water quality could be designated as safe or local officials allowing us to know that risks we were taking by going for a swim or a surf in our oceans. As a result they want to feel sorry for them and repeal the beach alcohol ban so they can sell more booze and enable more drunken drivers on the road.

Elizabeth Johnson
San Diego

Prop S says it is time in the wrong direction

Soon we will be partaking in the most ridiculous election in decades. You must participate! There are so many important reasons to do so but one that is more important than Proposition S, the prohibition on same-sex marriage.

Then I guess I have to agree. I, like the founding fathers, who intentional-}
Despite the current economic downturn, San Diego’s music scene seems to be weathering the tur- mine well, thanks to a small group of proactive promoters. One of the key players locally is Danielle Lo Presti, who in addition to founding her own group The Masses also coordinates the annual “Indie by Design” and the latest edition of “Indie by Design.”

“She considers the doom and gloom often mentioned in conjunction with declining music sales and concert attendance as overblown. “I see a lot of musicians still liv- ing in what I think is a tragic delu- sion, that there is not enough to go around,” she said. “Unfortunately, that kind of scarcity thinking often begins that very result.”

Lo Presti notes that there are over 100 venues in the county for musicians to perform at. “Fortunately, there are also the artists that absolutely get that there are more than enough fans, gigs and opportunities to go around,” Lo Presti said. “The more we share those things, the more trends to come back to us. It’s the power of teamwork, and it just feels good to help one another, to support other musicians you believe in.”

Lo Presti has been known for taking on social issues in her music. While this is not a require- ment for performers at Indie by Design, Lo Presti does feel it’s important for musicians to let their voices be heard. “The more I live, the more I see how fragile the good things are,” she said. “We can go day after day living our lives, taking so many liberties and hard-won freedoms for granted, things people our age and younger fought and died for. If we don’t reach out of ourselves and contribute, I fear we can lose many of those things, or at best, become stagnant.”

For her, music is the ultimate way to communicate. “I feel we owe it to the past gen- erations and the future ones to use our privilege, our art, our voices to leave this crazy, unjust world a lit- tle bit better than when we found it,” Lo Presti said.

Though promoting music can often be a tiring and thankless task, Lo Presti is happy with her role in bringing new music to San Diego’s audiences.

“We feel that by doing this work we are doing a concrete, tangible thing for people’s lives,” she said. “This inspiring people to find and use their voices and to support art.”

Anytime she can introduce an artist on the bill is not familiar yet, I feel we’re doing our job.”

Music Fest takes place at 7:30 p.m. at Humphrey’s Backstage Lounge, 2224 Shelter Island Drive, Nov. 5. The show is for ages 21 and up. For more infor- mation, visit www.humphreysbythebay.com or www.sayarerecords.com.

News Briefs

Point Loma hit-and-run case leads to search

Police investigators are search- ing for a suspect in a hit-and-run accident Sunday in the Rosieville area of Point Loma that left a pedes- trian seriously injured.

The accident occurred around 10 p.m. on Sunday.

The victim is reported to have suffered leg fractures and cuts. No other vehicle description is avail- able, but the car is believed to be a dark compact, said police.

5K walk fundraiser to aid officers in home buying

The San Diego Association of Realtors’ Ambassadors Foundation will host a 5K walk fundraising event in Point Loma on Saturday, Nov. 1, to benefit the “Everyday Heroes” program.

The program is designed to assist San Diego police and fire officers in purchasing homes in the communities in which they serve, according to event organ- izers.

The walk will take place at NTC Park/Liberty Station beginning at 8 a.m.

KUSI-TV’s Joe Liruzza, the spokesperson for the event, will join police officers, Realtors and sup- porters on the brick walk to call attention to the service of police offi- cers and to help them achieve the dreams that they have.

Teams and individuals can sign up in advance for $25 per person and can make additional donations by calling (619) 298-7400 or by vis- iting www.ambassadorsfoundation.org.

Event organizers said four San Diego police officers were helped to purchase their first homes in 2008.

“Education Day” event to aid HTH programs

The High Tech High (HTH) Vil- lage of Schools will launch its sec- ond annual “Liberty Station for Education Day” on Wednesday, Nov. 5, to better meet the needs of local students.

The fundraising event, slated to

News

‘Indie by Design’ music series set for Humphrey’s Backstage

Dr. Bart Mendoza | The Beacon

Followings testimony from both sides on the same-sex marriage issues surrounding Proposition 8, the San Diego City Council voted 6-2 to urge citizens to vote no, and opponents of Prop 8 picked up an unexpected vote by District 2 Councilman Kevin Faulconer.

Faulconer didn’t explain his vote, but he joined councilmem- bers Donna Frye, Toni Atkins, Scott Peters, Jim Madaffer and Ben Hueso in opposing Prop 8, which would take away the right of gay and lesbian couples to legally marry in California.

Voting to urge a yes vote on Prop 8 were Tony Young and Brian Maienschein.

A year ago, Faulconer, Young and Maienschein voted against the city filing an amicus brief to the California Supreme Court to overturn the marriage right that the Cali- fornia Supreme Court conferred on gay and lesbian couples in June.

The proposition qualified for the ballot before a higher court could rule.

Faulconer participated in a long City Council meeting after the vote, and neither he nor his spokes- person could be reached for comment.

“Marriage is a union between one man and one woman,” said James Hartline, a former homo- sexual who is now a conserva- tive Christian activist.

“Vote no on Proposition 8.

Hartline said he received more e-mails critical of the council addressing Proposition 8 than any other issue he has spoken about in his 17 years in politics.

Hartline and others said they were disturbed the vote was taken “in the name of the city of San Diego” when public opinion is so divided on the same-sex marriage issue.

Opponents of Proposition 8, including Atkins, disagreed.

“Democracy is working very well in San Diego,” said Atkins, who is gay, made the recommendation to a no vote to voters. Atkins recently mar- ried her 8-year partner.

“Prop 8 is a violation of tradition, many people would be enslaved,” said Atkins, noting other changes such as women gaining the right to vote.

Atkins said there can’t be legislated, but contracts (of marriage) can. Nobody should be forbidden from entering into a contract.

The council also voted 7-1 to endorse Proposition A, the fire protection parcel tax. Frye cast the dissenting vote.

Hartline and others similarly voted 6-1 to support Proposition 11, the redistricting measure, and 7-0 to urge a no vote on Proposition 6, which expands criminal penalties and bars any- one convicted of a felony from living in public housing.

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‘Smooth sailing in tough times.’

"Navy Secretary Ray Mabus has set the tone with a few words: ‘This is a time of transition. We are not at war, but we will continue to be vigilant in the face of new threats.""
Reserves come up large as Lakers return to San Diego

By Eric Yates | The Beacon

Relax, Lakers fans. He’ll be fine. You can come down off of the ledge now.

On Tuesday, Oct. 21, the current Western Conference champs made their annual voyage south to San Diego to play a preseason game at the San Diego Sports Arena. And while they squared up a 102-98 win over the hapless Charlotte Bobcats, the big news from the game centered on the right knee of 2008 MVP Kobe Bryant.

In the second quarter, Bryant came down on the foot of teammate Josh Powell, hyperextending his knee. He immediately motioned to the bench to take him out. After trainers looked at the knee, he went back to the locker room and didn’t return until the second half, when he was in street clothes.

All indications are that Bryant, who averaged 28.3 points per game last season, would be ready for the season opener on Tuesday, Oct. 28. The Lakers won their opener 96-76.

The key for the Lakers on the night was their defense, and a strong effort by Byron Scott (15 points, 3 rebounds, 8 assists).

The Lakers’ Kobe Bryant is fouled while driving the lane against the Charlotte Bobcats on Oct. 21 at the Sports Arena.

The NBA’s regular season kicked off on Tuesday and the Lakers are still among the teams to beat in the Western Conference. With Byunam now healthy and Pau Gasol in tow for a full season, there’s no reason to think that come June they can’t bring a title back to Tinseltown.

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take place from 1 to 6 p.m., is designed to raise much-needed funding for HTH education programs.

According to event organizers, California’s ongoing budget battles and general economic downturn have put the pinch on funding flow to students.

They cite Explorer Elementary School as an example, saying the elementary feeder school for the HTH system is funded at a level of $1,200 less per student than the actual costs incurred by the school.

Last year’s “Liberty Station for Education Day” raised more than $8,000 for HTH students.

This year’s event will include new activities, prizes and live entertainment by students from 12:30 to 2 p.m., and again from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

Acts include the Explorer choir, hands, dancing and robotics demonstrations.

With a component called “Taste of Liberty Station,” the event also serves a dual benefit in terms of boosting sales and exposure for Liberty Station’s shops and businesses. The tasting times for the many participating eateries are 1 to 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 to 6 p.m.

The cost for the tasting is $15 per adult and $8 per student. Family packs are available for $45. Tickets may be purchased Nov. 3-5 at each of the HTH campuses.

A host of business have donated items for a raffle. Individual ticket holders may purchase up to $20 worth of items, totaling $425. Tickets for the purchase of 20 or more are available for $20.

For more information, schedules and ticket sales, visit www.parentpage.org/libertystationforkids

HOT TRICK OR TREATING ON OCTOBER 21

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The chocolate will be accompanied by a card informing recipients of poverty and child labor problems in the cocoa industry, affecting mainstream candy enjoyed at Halloween and around the year, and how Fair Trade certified chocolate provides a solution. Parents of last year’s Reverse Trick-or-Treating participants raved about how Reverse Trick-or-Treating transformed Halloween into a meaningful event where youthful activists can give back to their neighbors and to cocoa growing communities.

The chocolate and cards are FREE! Thanks to generous donations from a number of Fair Trade chocolate companies, FREE Reverse Trick-or-Treating kits can be picked up at the following distribution sites in San Diego: Rock Paper Scissors in Ocean Beach, The Purpose in Old Town, and Open Door Books in Pacific Beach. Kits will be available beginning October 21, 2008. An adult is required to be present to pick-up the kits. Supplies are limited.

Chocolate and Fair Trade:

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HALLOWEEN 2008

A ghoulishly good time in Ocean Beach

Lily Kope, 12, shows off her Barbie doll packaging during the Halloween fun and frolic at the Ocean Beach Recreation Center on Santa Monica Avenue on Saturday. The event was put on by the Ocean Beach and Point Loma Community Recreation Councils.

PHOTOS BY PAUL HANSEN | THE BEACON
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**PLHS Homecoming**

**Thursday October 30, 2008**

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**Pointers demolish UC High in Homecoming showcase**

PLHS alums welcomed back with 49-14 win

*By Barry Schwartz | The Beacon*

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The first time walking through the doors of Panera Bread Bakery Café the lunchtime crowd surprised me. It was a bustling center filled with everyone from business-savvy individuals to families to students. With seven people in between the cashier and me I thought it would take forever. Surprisingly, after just minutes of perusing the menu I was at the cashier and being greeted by a friendly young woman. I decided to go with the Bacon Turkey Brava sandwich which sounded great — turkey, bacon, lettuce, tomato, smoked Gouda and Panera’s signature dressing on tomato basil bread.

After placing my order I found a booth that was both clean and comfortable. Almost as soon as I sat down my sandwich was brought to my table. The first thing I noticed as I began to indulge was how fresh the ingredients were. The bread was simply the best. It had the perfect consistency — soft enough not to cut up the roof of your mouth, but tough enough to hold everything together. Meaty-watering!

Panera is a bread-lover’s paradise. The bread is so fresh and it’s no wonder considering they bake all their breads fresh 7 days a week in the café’s ovens. The French baguette is my personal favorite of the moment. The crusty crust and the fluffy middle are so good it wouldn’t be surprising to gobble up a whole loaf in a single sitting. Also don’t miss the Three Cheese or Focaccia breads — both are amazing!

Since that first time I stepped foot in Panera I’ve been coming back almost weekly. I know the lay of the land pretty well now. I’ve tried to sample at least everything on the menu once but have recently been feasting on a particular sandwich — Turkey Artichoke Panini. Its got Smoked turkey, spinach artichoke spread, Asagio Parmesan cheese, tomatoes & caramelized onions, grilled hot on our Focaccia. Believe me once you try this one it will be hard to not get it every time you come.

Since there are so many great soups and salads along with amazing sandwiches, Panera created the “You Pick Two” meal option where you can get half a sandwich and soup or salad. It’s a really good deal and helps during times of indecision, which is a common occurrence because there are so many great items to choose from.

So never eating at lunch, with each changing season Panera introduces new soups, salads, and sandwiches. Recently, Panera has come out the Toronto & Mozzarella Panini sure to keep you warm during Fall’s cooler months along with the Orchard Harvest Salad loaded with Dijon glazed pears, toasted pecans, dried cherries, Gorgonzola and cherry balsamic vinaigrette. Each season new forms are introduced so keep an eye out for these seasonal favorites.

The new grilled breakfast sandwiches are a great reason to hop up for breakfast not to mention their amazing pastries, bagels and espresso drinks. This is no ordinary breakfast sandwich. It is made with only the freshest eggs, cheese, sausage and bacon, all grilled on freshly baked bagelatia — there are even the grill marks to prove it!

From breakfast, to lunch, to dinner, Panera has it all. A simple concept of fresh, convenient and healthy items has kept customers coming back again and again. Even come to Panera for business meetings, not only to mix work with pleasure but because there is free wifi, or will they cater and deliver right to your office. Don’t miss out on the fresh choices you have at Panera to satisfy your bread lover’s soul.

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Monday, Nov. 3, 6:45 p.m., Sunset Cliffs Natural Park Council meets at the Cabrillo Rec Center, 3051 Calton St. For more information, call (619) 222-9719, or visit www.calsnps.net/sunsetcliffs.

Tuesday, Nov. 11, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the American Lung Associa-
tion of California hosts a “Respi-
ration Rally” to offer hope and help to people with chronic obstructive pul-
monary disease (COPD). The free event is for people with COPD and their families, caregivers and friends. RSVP to (619) 297-3901 and register online at www.amlbrc.org.

Wednesday, Nov. 12, 1 p.m., The Rock Academy hosts a special Vet-
erans Day ceremony to honor U.S. servicepeople and their families, caregivers and friends. RSVP to (619) 297-3901 and register online at www.rocksymphony.com.

Wednesday, Nov. 12, 10 a.m., Point Loma Garden Club hosts its monthly meeting. The program will feature Kurt Peacock, who will pre-
sent “Waterwise Trees, Plants and garden features.” For more infor-
mation, call (619) 764-5200.

Thursday, Nov. 13, 10 to 10:45 a.m., baby sign language workshop with local expert Monta Briant at the Ocean Beach Library, 4801 Santa Monica Ave. For more infor-
mation, call (619) 531-1532.

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The Ocean Beach Tree Festival Committee now has festival T-shirts available for sale. The items may be purchased at Shades, Surf & Sea and the Dog Beach Dog Wash. For more infor-
mation, call (619) 515-4400 or (619) 226-1961.

Tuesdays, 10 to 10:45 a.m., preschool storytime at the Ocean Beach Library, 4801 Santa Monica Ave. For more information, call (619) 531-1532.

Mondays, 3 to 3:45 p.m., baby signing storytime for infants and caregivers at the Ocean Beach Library, 4801 Santa Monica Ave. For more information, call (619) 531-1532.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THURSDAY OCTOBER 30, 2008
THE PENINSULA BEACON

Holiday shows planned at North Chapel

The recently renovated historic North Chapel at Liberty Station (former Naval Training Center) in Point Loma will be the setting for various holiday performances planned through December, including the Peninsula Singers, left, on Friday, Dec. 12. Other scheduled performances will feature the Cabrillo Singers, the 66-member Explorer Elementary School Choristers, the Unsung Heroes of 1943, the 15-member San Diego High School for the Creative and Performing Arts Choir. To view the entire list of performances, dates, times and costs, visit www.thenorthchapel.com. COURTESY PHOTO

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